

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 25, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0003], [0019], [0036], and [0041] have been amended to correct minor errors.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-26 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 26 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter and thus are entitled to the priority of the original filing date.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kobayashi et al.* (US 6,275,825, hereinafter *Kobayashi*). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

With respect to claims 1, 11, and 17, Examiner cites *Kobayashi* for the proposition that server information is retrieved for one or more databases and provided to each user in an access document (citing col. 4, lines 8-41 and col. 10, lines 16-25). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the first cited section (col. 4, lines 8-41) does not refer to server information. Further, Applicants submit that while the second cited section (col. 10, lines 16-25) refers to an access right file that is retrieved, it also does not mention server information. Server information in the present claims clearly refers to information regarding a server, as can be seen with respect to Applicants' Fig. 7, item 760 (showing a server name, IP address, and path). Nowhere in the cited sections does *Kobayashi* disclose that server information for one or more databases is retrieved and provided to each user in an access document, as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11, and 17 are patentable over *Kobayashi*. Claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-26 each depend from claims 1, 11, or 17 and, therefore, each contain the same limiting features as independent claim

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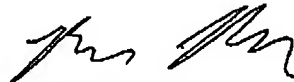
1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-26 are each patentable over *Kobayashi*, and request withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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